

Application No. 09/981,207
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 23, lines 7-22 as follows:

Furthermore, according to this embodiment, since the second logic is determined to include the date when the unused process unit 2 is attached, there is very little probability that the same second logic is set in another main unit 1 of the same type. For this reason, even if a process unit 2, which is removed from a first main unit 1 after used, is attached to a second main unit 2 of the same type, the second logic set for the process unit 2 is not stored in the second main unit 1 attached later. Therefore, the second main unit 1 determines that such a process unit 2 is unusable. Since the usage of such a process unit 2 cannot be managed properly by the second main unit 1, the unit is handled as being unusable as described above. Thus, it is possible to prevent improper use of the process unit 2.